

# PROJECT REVIEW SHEET - EZ1

## HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

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<b>Property / Client Name:</b>	Lower Cowiche Creek Restoration, Phase 2, 11-1320
<b>Worksite Name/Number:</b>	Lower Cowiche Creek (Worksite 1 of 1)
<b>Funding Agency:</b>	Rec. and Conserv. Office

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### Funding Agency:

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### PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED

(Be as detailed as possible to avoid having to provide additional information)

#### Provide a detailed description of the proposed project:

The goal of this proposal is to improve aquatic, riparian, and floodplain habitat on Cowiche Cr. by opening up floodplain habitat, removing concrete, re-establishing riparian vegetation, and developing new projects. Lower Cowiche Creek supports spawning and rearing habitat for ESA listed Mid-Columbia steelhead. Cowiche Creek has also been listed as an "Impaired Water" for temperature and nutrient loading, and was included in the 2008 Upper Naches River Temperature TMDL. In many places in the project reach, lower Cowiche Cr. is constrained by dikes. Concrete, rip rap, and other non-native materials have been placed on the banks and in the channel. Native, woody, riparian vegetation has been removed in many areas.

The project has the following objectives:

- § Improve habitat and floodplain function by removing a 500 foot long dike. Reshape the bank and establish a native, riparian plant community.
  - § Improve habitat by removing concrete from the channel and banks along another 500 feet of Cowiche Cr. Reshape the bank and establish a native riparian plant community where there is now lawn and weeds.
  - § Restore floodplain connectivity and riparian/wetland function on 0.85 acres of adjacent to Cowiche Cr. through dike removal, wood placement, and planting.
  - § Work with other landowners in the reach to garner support for similar restoration work in this reach. Identify restoration opportunities on 2 more properties and gain landowner support for these actions.
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#### Describe existing project site conditions.

The project area is currently suburban/rural land adjacent to Cowiche Creek. Past human history included agricultural use. The creek provides habitat to a number of aquatic species including Mid-Columbia Steelhead.

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**Describe any proposed ground disturbing activities. That is, will a tool(s) be used to move earth (soil, rock, gra**

A dike will be removed and the stream banks will be reshaped. Concrete and other debris will be removed. Hand tools will be used for planting.

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**Will buildings be altered or demolished? If so please complete a DAHP Determination of Eligibility EZ2 form for each building affected by the proposed project and attach the form to your project in PRISM. <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/pages/Documents/Sites.htm>**

No buildings will be altered or demolished.

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If no PRISM map, please attach a copy of the relevant portion of a 7.5 series  
USGS quad map and outline the project impact area.  
(USGS Quad maps are available on-line at <http://www.topozone.com>)

### Worksite Location (identified with star):

**Address:** Cowiche Canyon Road.

**Township:** 13N

**Range:** 18E

**Section:** 09

**City:**

**County:** Yakima

**Latitude:** 46.62

**Longitude:** -120.59

